

DIPLOMA IN COMMUNITY POLITICS AND THE LAW

Objectives of the Program

This program is offered by the Department of Political Science. It aims at providing expertise in the handling of political and legal problems at the level of the local community. From this general aim follow two specific purposes:

- a) a knowledge of politics and political techniques designed to cope with issues that may be problems in a community;
- b) a knowledge of bodies of law and their application to community issues.

Program Description

This is a program in applied political science. It combines theoretical education with practical training. Students will be required to apply their academic learning in resolving actual political issues. Acquiring practical experience in community politics, therefore, is an integral part of the program.

Requirements for the Diploma

1. Credit requirements: A fully qualified candidate is required to complete a minimum of 33 credits.
2. Course requirements: All candidates are required to complete 18 credits in required courses plus a minimum of 15 credits selected from the elective courses.
3. Project: The project may either take the form of an essay based on an empirical study of a community problem, or a substantial report based on work in a community agency, a court of law, or a political action organization.

Admission Requirements

A bachelor's degree, preferably in social sciences.

Courses

The subjects offered cover a broad range of legal and political themes in such a way as to concentrate on the politics of social and legal issues. In that sense, some of the topics covered include:

- Conflict and Political Organization
- Canadian Public Law
- Québec Civil Law
- Women and the Law
- Interest Groups and the Community
- Welfare, Poverty and the Law
- Environmental and Consumer Law
- Administrative Law and Politics
- Urban Politics
- The Law and Human Rights
- Leadership and Decision Making in Community Serving Organizations

Application Deadline

Applications will be accepted as long as there is space available in the program.

Location

The diploma program is offered on the Sir George Williams campus.

Faculty

Full-time members of the Department of Political Science and practicing attorneys teach in the program. This combination is intended to emphasize the relation between theory and practice, by bringing in experienced professionals to impart their expertise while they are engaged in political activities.

Information

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